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Applicant: Brian J. Hopkins, et al.

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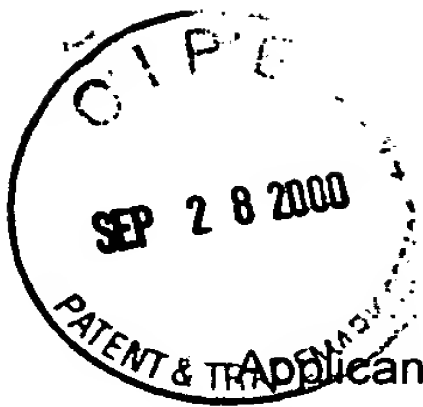
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- The oath or declaration is missing.  
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